

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A drainage system grate assembly for covering a watercourse of a drainage system, the drainage system assembly comprising:

a frame having at least two opposing sides set within ~~and surrounding~~ the watercourse;

a grate set within the frame and including -

at least one crossbar, each of which is operable to be secured to the frame, and

~~at least one~~ a plurality of tread [[bar]] bars supported by and positioned on top of the

at least one crossbar ~~for allowing a person or vehicle to traverse over the watercourse,~~

~~at least one crossbar spanning the frame and supporting the tread bars, and~~

~~a flange protruding substantially horizontally from at least one crossbar adjacent a lower-most surface of the at least one crossbar; and~~

[[a]] at least one locking element, each of which is structurally separate from the frame and grate and of a rigid construction, such that each locking element is operable to interface with the frame so as to secure each crossbar to the frame ~~secured to the flange and contacting the frame in order to secure the grate within the frame.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The drainage system grate assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein the frame includes ~~ledges for supporting the crossbars~~ a horizontal ledge protruding towards the opposing side of the frame.

3. (Currently Amended) The drainage system grate assembly as set forth in claim [[1]] 2, wherein the frame includes a shelf extending downwardly ~~extending shelves for engaging the locking element~~ from each horizontal ledge.

4. (Currently Amended) The drainage system grate assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein each crossbar includes ~~at least one channel for supporting the tread bars therein~~ a plurality of upstanding members positioned adjacent each other along a length of the crossbar.

5-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The drainage system grate assembly as set forth in claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1, wherein the locking element ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a flat bar attached to the grate adjacent a center of the grate for spanning the watercourse and the frame below the shelves of the frame having a length approximately at least the same as a length of the at least one crossbar.

12-32. (Cancelled)

33. (New) The drainage system grate assembly as set forth in claim 4, wherein each tread bar is positioned between adjacent upstanding members.

34. (New) The drainage system grate assembly as set forth in claim 33, wherein each upstanding member of each crossbar includes a flange protruding horizontally from the upstanding member.

35. (New) The drainage system grate assembly as set forth in claim 3, the locking element including an upturned, vertical member adapted to interface with and contact the downwardly extending shelf of the frame so as to secure the crossbar to the frame.

36. (New) The drainage system grate assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein the frame includes no more than three sides sets within the watercourse.

37. (New) The drainage system grate assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein the grate is a first grate and the drainage system grate assembly further comprises a second grate positioned adjacent the first grate.

38. (New) The drainage system grate assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein in a first orientation, a length of the at least one crossbar is generally perpendicular to the opposing sides of the frame, and in a second orientation, the length of the at least one crossbar is generally parallel to the opposing sides of the frame.